

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-20 are now pending. Claims 11-18 have been allowed and claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

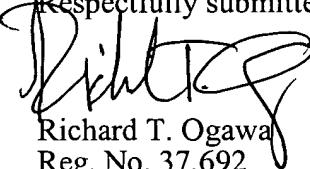
Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sugawara, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,045,804. As noted above, claim 19 has been cancelled without prejudice for renewal in a continuation and/or related application. Accordingly, the rejection is moot.

All claims 11-18 and 20 are allowable. Applicants respectfully requests an early Notice of Allowance for the subject application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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